to the pavement-dwellers fall within the area of the Kothawal bazaar and other areas in the City of Madras or whether they are either in Guindy, Adyar or Kodambakkam which will be useless to them?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The Corporation is expected to know where lands are available and which are the best places for providing sites."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—"Is the Hon. Minister aware of the overcrowding of pavement-dwellers in George Town itself, especially, near the Harbour and the Second Line Beach and if so, will the Government give relief to them as soon as possible?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"That is what I have been stating and attempts are being made in that direction."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—"Thousands of persons are living on pavements because they are unable to pay rents for houses and not because they are not able to get housing accommodation. In view of this, will the Government think of constructing tenements and letting them free of rent to these pavement-dwellers?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"It is the responsibility of the Corporation. The rent proposed to be charged is only one rupee."

8-50 a.m SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"Is the Hon. Minister aware that most of these pavement dwellers are landless poor people from villages and if so, will the Hon. Minister kindly transfer this subject to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue and ask him to tackle this problem?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"He is here sitting by my side and he approves of what I have said so far."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"Coming to the question of constructing tenements for pavement-dwellers, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that this particular item was included in the budget submitted by the Corporation of Madras last year and for which they wanted a loan but it was negatived by the Government of Madras? The same kind of request is being made this year also and that item is also included in the new Budget. Will the Government consider it favourably and grant a loan particularly for the construction of tenements for pavement-dwellers in Kodambakkam?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"A separate question may be put."

Aid to dyeing factories

*1621 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount is granted for dyeing factories out of the Handloom Cess Fund; and

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(b) if not, whether the Government have any proposal to allot any amount for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) The Government of India have allotted to this State from the Cess Fund, a sum of Rs. 1,99,440 for providing the services of dyers to weavers' co-operative societies free of cost with a view to enable the societies to set up their own dye-houses."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அது எப்பொழுது கொடுக்கப்படும் என்று சொல்லமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is for the societies to avail themselves of these funds that are available. If the primary weavers' societies do not avail themselves of the assistance provided by the Government, then we will also examine whether the Madras State Handloom Co-operative Society might not start dyeing factories in Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, South Arcot and Chingleput districts where coloured varieties of cloth are produced."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know whether contribution from this cess fund will be given equally to all districts and how much Kancheepuram will be getting? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no question of equal distribution in respect of this matter. Contribution from the cess fund will be given according to the needs of each place."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, recently this matter was discussed between the Secretary, Development Department, and the representatives of handloom owners and handloom workers' unions and it was unanimously decided to open a dyeing factory in Malabar. As Malabar produces all varieties of coloured clothes, will the Government be pleased to open one such factory in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The present proposal, as made by the State Handloom Co-operative Society, is that dyeing factories with improved equipments should be started in Madurai, Salem and Kancheepuram. Other proposals will be examined in due course."

State Handloom Committee

* 1622 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether a meeting of the State Handloom Committee was held on 9th February 1955; and

(b) what were the proposals made by the committee for the utilization of the Handloom Cess Fund allotted to this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Committee did not go into the question of utilization of the State's share of the cess fund as such but was more